

# THE CROSSING

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#### COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES

RCC will graduate the largest class in its history!

##### ❖ *Honors Society Held Induction Ceremony*

The RCC Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society held an Induction Ceremony on May 9 for approximately 25 inductees before an audience of RCC faculty, staff, family members and friends gathered in the auditorium of the Media Arts Center. The inductees exemplified Phi Theta Kappa values of academic excellence, community service, and fraternity. Following the ceremony, those in attendance were invited to join the new Phi Theta Kappa members at a reception.

##### ❖ *Annual Honors Assembly Held*

The Roxbury Community College Foundation held its Annual Honors Assembly and Brunch on May 10 in the Student Center. RCC President's List and Dean's List students from the spring 2012 and fall 2012 semesters were honored with a certificate at this event. A former RCC graduate, Dalton Skerritt, Men's Health Program Manager at Whittier Street Health Center delivered a powerful message as the guest speaker.

##### ❖ *Class Night 2013*

RCC's Office of Student Life and Student Engagement held its Annual Class Night 2013 Dinner Cruise aboard the *Spirit of Boston* May 13. It was a festive evening of dining and dancing. A number of faculty and staff were there to celebrate with the students.

##### ❖ *Pinning Ceremonies*

Two Pinning Ceremonies are scheduled for the week leading up to Commencement. The 2013 Radiologic Technology Class will hold its Pinning Ceremony on May 15 at the Student Center and the Nursing Class will have its Pinning Ceremony on Thursday, May 16 at the Media Arts Main Stage. Both ceremonies will begin at 6:00 p.m.

##### ❖ *RCC's 2013 Commencement Features Largest Graduating Class Ever*

On May 17, 394 RCC students will receive an Associate in Art, Associate in Science and/or a Certificate. They will represent the largest graduating class in the history of the College. This represents a significant milestone for these graduates. Graduates, their guests, RCC faculty and staff will be addressed by Commencement Speaker, Steven Tompkins. Mr. Tompkins is Suffolk County Sheriff and Vice Chair of RCC's Board of Trustees. Roxbury artist, John Wilson, who created the sculpture of a man and child reading, located on the RCC campus, will receive the *Community Service Award*. RCC Commencement will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center Field House.

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## CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

### ❖ *Share-Leigh Arneaud-Bernard Shines*

Share-Leigh Arneaud-Bernard, a Biological Sciences major at RCC, joined 28 other students from each of the Massachusetts Public Higher Education institutions for the Third Annual *29 Who Shine* event on May 2 at the State House. The students from each of the state's community colleges, state universities, and UMass campuses, like Share-Leigh, were selected for their academic excellence, participation in campus activities, and community service work. In addition to the *29 Who Shine* Award, Share-Leigh won first place in the 2013 Ruth and William Silen, MD Awards which "recognize participants who deliver outstanding oral presentations and who create exceptional scientific posters." Share-Leigh was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society and will graduate this year with Highest Honors.

### ❖ *Spring 2013 Interns Celebrated*

Twenty-seven RCC interns were feted at a special May 2 celebration at the College. The event featured a series of engrossing poster and oral presentations by the interns that highlighted the importance of internships to the college experience. Among the employers hosting RCC spring interns were Harvard School of Public Health, Boston Neighborhood Network Television, Suffolk County Sheriff's Department, and Central Square Theatre. The student interns represented majors in Information System Technology, Web Technology, Biological Science, Biological Science with Animal Care concentration, and Biotechnology. Those in attendance included host employers, RCC faculty, staff, and students. The celebration was organized by Irina Galatskaya, Director of Career Development and Internships at RCC. She said that "An internship offers a student hands-on, practical work experience, which gives them a unique advantage over other job applicants, especially in today's tough job market."

### ❖ *Student Wins High Demand Scholarship*

Femi Omojobe, a Biological Sciences major at RCC, has received \$2,000 from the Massachusetts High Demand Scholarship Program (MHDSP). The MHDSP was created by the Massachusetts Legislature to encourage economic growth and development by supporting students pursuing programs of study in high demand professions. High demand professions include Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), Nursing and other health professions, Elementary and Secondary Education (except Special Education), Business, specifically, Finance and Accounting, and Certificate programs in Computer Science.

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### ❖ *Roxbury Repertory Theatre Reads Anne Frank*

If you missed Roxbury Repertory Theatre's production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*, brilliantly directed by RCC's Marshall Hughes, you can catch a stage reading of the play at Newton Free Library's Druker Auditorium on May 18 at 2:00 p.m. The 90-minute reading is adapted from Wendy Kessleman's Tony Award nominated Broadway production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. A question and answer period with the playwright, director, and cast will follow.

### ❖ *Registration for Summer I and Summer II Classes Underway*

Summer I classes begin on May 28 and Summer II classes start on July 8. For information on registering for summer courses, please call RCC's Enrollment Center at 617.541.5310.